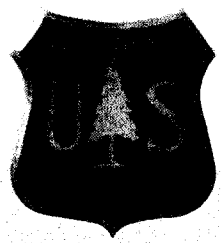
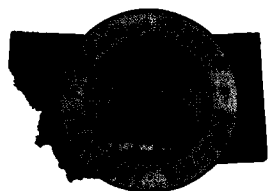


# Another Successful Partnership



*Before (above) and after (right) pictures of hazardous fuel treatment projects on private lands in the vicinity of the Tin Cup Fire.*

## FUEL TREATMENTS HELP FIREFIGHTERS SAVE 100 HOMES ON TIN CUP FIRE



Recent hazardous fuel treatments on public and private lands were significant in allowing firefighters to be as successful as they were in containing the Tin Cup Fire outside Darby, Montana during the 2007 fire season.

These fuel reduction projects resulted from partnerships between the US Forest Service (USFS), MT Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (MT DNRC), the Bitter Root Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. (RC&D), and private landowners. The locations of these treatments were guided by priorities set in the Bitterroot Valley's Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

- ⇒ The Bitterroot National Forest treated 214 acres during the past few months, and
- ⇒ The Bitter Root RC&D, working with grants from the USFS State & Private Forestry organization and the MT DNRC, assisted 5 landowners in treating 102 acres during the past 5 years.

**"The extent of hazardous fuel treatments that you have on private lands in this area is not common. We did not see a single home in the Stage I and II evacuation areas that we felt we could not defend. This is a tribute to the hard work of your community."**  
Joe Molhoek, Type II Deputy Incident Commander, Tin Cup Fire

**"These treatments eliminated the ladder fuels resulting in less torching and crown fire activity. This, in turn, limited the fire spread and spotting, and allowed fire fighters to get in and fight the fire more effectively."**  
Tobin Kelley, Type III Incident Commander, Tin Cup

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